(ii) All the City buses of routes 1, 3, 4, 5 and 11 which proceed east along General Hospital Road to stop opposite to the M. & S.M. Railway Office.

(iii) All City buses of routes 7, 9, 10, 15 and 17 which proceed east along General Hospital Road to stop near the 'Out Gate' of the M. & S.M. Railway Office.

(iv) Mufassal buses bound for Broadway bus stand, to stop at the Bible Society Bus Stop, if necessary.

(v) All City buses of route 2 from Triplicane to stop at the Wall Tax Road Bus Stop.

"(b) No alteration of the present arrangement is contemplated as it is reported that it has been working satisfactorily for more than a year."

State aid to companies manufacturing or assembling radio sets.

* 32 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have granted State aid to any company manufacturing or assembling radio sets;

(b) if so, what the conditions are under which such aid was given;

(c) whether those conditions have been fulfilled by the said companies;

(d) whether the necessity to take over the management of the companies ever arose and if so what arrangements have been made to safeguard the interests of the State; and

(e) whether there have been cases where the Government have lost their monies either due to mismanagement of the company or unsuccessful working of the industry?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI:—"(a) Government have taken shares of the value of Rs. 2 (two) lakhs in the Radio and Electricals, Limited, Madras, which is a company formed for the purpose of manufacturing radio sets.

"(b) The Government took shares in the concern on the following conditions:—

(1) That there should be two Government Directors on the Board of management of the company;

(2) that the appointment of the company's auditor should be subject to the approval of Government;

(3) that the rule relating to the retirement of directors should not be applicable to Government Directors; and

(4) that, for shares subscribed by the Government, there must be not less than an equal number of shares taken up and fully paid by other shareholders.

"(c) The above conditions have been fulfilled.

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"(*d*) No necessity to take over the management of the Radio and Electricals, Limited, ever arose.

"(*e*) No."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is it not a fact that an officer of the Government is now the managing director of the company?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" No, Sir."

Starting of Iron and Steel mill in Salem.

* 33 *Q*.—SRI P. VIRABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to start an Iron and Steel mill in Salem district;

(*b*) whether the Government have approached the Central Government to grant permission to start such a mill ; and

(*c*) if the answer to (*a*) and (*b*) are in the affirmative whether it will be a State concern or a private company or a mixed concern with State and private shares?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) The question is under consideration.

"(*b*) No permission is required for starting an Iron and Steel Factory.

"(*c*) It will in all probability be a State concern, if finally it is decided to establish it."

SRI P. VIRABHADRASWAMI :—" Have the Government investigated the possibility of starting an iron and steel mill in any other part of the province?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" No, Sir."

Total revenue from rates and taxes.

* 34 *Q*.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state the total revenue raised by local authorities from the rates and taxes in each of the years from 1939 and the additional revenue obtained by them from Government grants-in-aid and the basis on which these grants-in-aid were sanctioned?

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" A statement [a] containing the information is appended. The basis on which these grants-in-aid were sanctioned is explained in the footnote to the statement."

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a Printed as Appendix on page 175 infra.